### 105TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3018

To release the reversionary interests retained by the United States in four deeds that conveyed certain lands to the State of Florida so as to permit the State to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of the lands, and to provide for the conveyance of certain mineral interests of the United States in the lands to the State of Florida.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1997

Mr. Scarborough (for himself and Mrs. Thurman) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

# A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1	SECTION 1. RELEASE OF REVERSIONARY INTERESTS,
2	BLACKWATER RIVER AND WITHLACOOCHEE
3	STATE FORESTS, FLORIDA.
4	(a) Release.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall re-
5	lease the reversionary interests of the United States that
6	were retained by the United States when the following
7	parcels of real property were conveyed to the State of
8	Florida:
9	(1) The parcel of real property described in a
10	deed dated November 4, 1955, conveying certain
11	lands in Santa Rosa County to the State of Florida.
12	(2) The parcel of real property described in a
13	deed dated April 11, 1957, conveying certain lands
14	in Santa Rosa County to the State of Florida.
15	(3) The parcel of real property described in a
16	deed dated November 4, 1955, conveying certain
17	lands in Okaloosa County to the State of Florida.
18	(4) The parcel of real property described in a
19	deed dated November 26, 1982, conveying certain
20	lands in Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, and Sumter
21	Counties to the State of Florida.
22	The reversionary interest to be released under this section
23	requires that the conveyed lands be used for public pur-
24	poses and provides for a reversion of such lands to the
25	United States if at any time they cease to be used for
26	public purposes.

1	(b) Legal Description.—The four deeds referred
2	to in subsection (a) are recorded as follows:
3	(1) Deed Book 122, Pages 397–437, Santa
4	Rosa County, Florida.
5	(2) Deed Book 133, Pages 333–337, Santa
6	Rosa County, Florida.
7	(3) Deed Book 121, Pages 511–528, Okaloosa
8	County, Florida.
9	(4) Official Record Book 610, Pages 1228–
10	1237, Citrus County, Florida.
11	(5) Official Record Book 517, Pages 491–500,
12	Hernando County, Florida.
13	(6) Official Record Book 269, Pages 126–135,
14	Sumter County, Florida.
15	(7) Official Record Book 1240, Pages 1065–
16	1074, Pasco County, Florida.
17	(c) Consideration.—As consideration for the re-
18	lease of the reversionary interests under subsection (a),
19	the State of Florida shall agree to the following:
20	(1) All proceeds from the sale, exchange, or
21	other disposition of the real property subject to the
22	reversionary interests shall be used by the State of
23	Florida for the acquisition of other lands within or
24	adjacent to the exterior boundaries of Blackwater
25	River State Forest and Withlacoochee State Forest

- or, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, for the purchase of the individual mineral interest of the United States under section 2.
  - (2) Any lands acquired by the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the real property subject to the reversionary interests shall become a part of the State forest in which the acquired lands are located and shall be subject to the condition that the acquired lands be used for public purposes.
    - (3) The total land base of such State forests shall not be reduced below the original acreage of the real property included in the conveyances described in subsection (a), except in the case of any lands conveyed at the request of the United States, and the total land base shall be managed in perpetuity as State forest land.
  - (4) All proceeds from the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the real property subject to the reversionary interests shall be maintained by the State of Florida in a separate fund. The record of all transactions involving such fund shall be open to inspection by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- 23 (d) Additional Terms.—The Secretary of Agri-24 culture may require such additional terms or conditions 25 in connection with the release of the reversionary interests

- 1 under this section as the Secretary considers appropriate
- 2 to protect the interests of the United States.
- 3 (e) Instrument of Release.—The Secretary of
- 4 Agriculture shall execute and file in the appropriate office
- 5 or offices a deed of release, amended deed, or other appro-
- 6 priate instrument effectuating the release of the reversion-
- 7 ary interests under this section.

#### 8 SEC. 2. SALE OF MINERAL RIGHTS.

- 9 (a) Sale Authorized.—Upon application by the
- 10 State of Florida, the Secretary of the Interior may convey
- 11 to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
- 12 Trust Fund of the State of Florida, or to its designee,
- 13 all of the individual mineral interests of the United States
- 14 in any parcel of real property for which a reversionary in-
- 15 terest is released under section 1.
- 16 (b) Consideration.—As consideration for the sale
- 17 of the mineral interests of the United States under sub-
- 18 section (a), the State of Florida shall pay to the United
- 19 States an amount equal to the fair market value of such
- 20 interests, as determined by appraisal or other method sat-
- 21 is factory to the Secretary of the Interior.

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